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The amendment filed on 12-31-03 presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The amended claims are not readable on the elected invention because they have been amended to recite a kit including a plurality of patentably distinct mounting plates that can be used interchangeably with first and second housing members whereas the original claims were drawn to a housing system including a first and second housing members and a single mounting plate. It is noted also that applicant has elected species 1 shown in FIG. 1 which includes only one mounting plate (see page 5 of the response filed on 1-23-03).

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

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